

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the title, "METHOD OF INDUCING THE DIFFERENTIATION OF STEM CELLS INTO MYOCARDIAL CELLS," please amend the specification as follows:

SPECIFICATION

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a U.S. national stage application of International Application No. PCT/JP2004/014598, filed on October 4, 2004, which claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-346248, filed on October 3, 2003 and Japanese Patent Application No. 2004-212255, filed July 20, 2004, the disclosures of each of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.

Before paragraph [0001], please amend the specification as follows:

TECHNICAL FIELD

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

(i) Field of the Invention:

Before paragraph [0002], please amend the specification as follows:

BACKGROUND ART

(ii) Description of the Related Art:

Before paragraph [0019], please amend the specification as follows:

DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION
PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED BY THE INVENTION

SUMMARY AND OBJECTS OF THE INVENTION

Before paragraph [0020], please amend the specification as follows:

~~MEANS FOR SOLVING THE PROBLEMS~~

~~DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS~~

Before paragraph [0034], please amend the specification as follows:

~~EFFECTS OF THE INVENTION~~

Before paragraph [0036], please amend the specification as follows:

~~BEST MODE FOR CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION~~